



# Cranbrook and District Angling Club

## **CADAC Mission Statement**

- *to continue to provide facilities for and promote participation in the pleasure sport of angling on the waters under its control and elsewhere;*
- *the acquisition (by purchase, lease or other suitable arrangement) of waters for the purposes of angling;*
- *the preservation and improvement of the waters under its control including the fish environment and fish stocks;*
- *the creation where reasonably practical of new facilities for and the development and training of disabled anglers and young anglers – male and female;*
- *the promotion of a responsible and temperate approach to angling and respect for and conservation of the environment;*
- *the promotion and organisation of educational, sporting and social events;*
- *the promotion of the interests of angling and anglers;*
- *doing all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.*

## **RULE BOOK**

### **Equity Statement**

CADAC is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and is responsible for ensuring that no member, volunteer or coach, receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, social status, sexual orientation or political belief.

CADAC will ensure that everyone who wishes has an equal opportunity to participate in all disciplines of the sport of angling at all levels and in all roles, whether as a participant, coach, volunteer or official, in or outside the club.

## SECTION 1

### Constitutional Rules

1. The Club is called Cranbrook and District Angling Club, and its aim shall be to promote angling and fish preservation, in an equitable manner The club shall ensure the Mission Statement and Equity Statement (see front page ) are adhered to at every opportunity through the implementation of the Equity Policy, and Development Plan.
2. Maximum number of members will be decided at the discretion of the Committee.
3. The committee has the power to reject any application for membership, also to expel any member for conduct prejudicial to the club's interest.
4. The committee can elect honorary members, these having the same benefits as full paying members.
5. A special meeting may be called by submitting in writing a request to the secretary, signed by six members.
6. An Environment Agency licence must be held before applying for membership or renewing membership.
7. The officers of the club shall comprise of: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Officer. Additional committee members to comprise of: Vice Chairperson, Competition Secretary, Junior Membership Officer and Publicity Officer along with seven other members. Six Committee members, excluding the Chairperson to form a quorum. All Committee members will be entitled to vote at any meetings, in the event of a tie the Chairperson to have the casting vote.
8. All renewal subscriptions to be sent to the membership officer with the an application form and s.a.e. Changes to subscriptions to be decided at the AGM and membership notified accordingly.
9. Members taking children and/or visitors on club waters will be personally responsible for any damage, injury or trespass which may occur.
10. Adult members only may take a guest on club waters, providing they have a guest ticket purchased from the membership officer. Application for this must be made to the membership officer **IN ADVANCE** giving dates required, name and address of the guest, with the guest ticket fee may be paid by cheque or postal order to the club's address or by bank transfer to CADAC Sort Code 30-92-36 Account No.00033581. The guest ticket will be issued in any of the following forms text, email or letter. Permission will be given on the understanding that the club member will be responsible for any damage, injury or trespass that may occur. Any member wishing to take guest to R.F.A. waters must specify this on the application. Guest ticket Fees to be decided annually at A.G.M. for one weeks fishing or part thereof.
11. Accounts are to be kept in proper order, and independently examined annually by accountants appointed by the AGM
12. Membership cards are the property of the Club and must not be transferred to any other person. If cards are lost a new one will be issued providing the Membership Officer is notified immediately. A postal order or cheque, value £5 to cover cost and postage must be included.
13. No day tickets.
14. Members must carry membership card, ID card and EA rod licence when fishing, and produce the same if requested by water owners (or their representatives), bailiffs, any other club member or the police.
15. Any full member wishing to serve as a committee member should notify the secretary in writing one month prior to the AGM; existing officers and committee members seeking re-election will notify this via committee meetings. The committee reserves the right to co-opt members by invitation should the numbers of the committee become depleted in a season, without recourse to the membership. Any Committee member should serve on the Committee for three years before being eligible for any Officer Role e.g. Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Officer. New Committee members will be vetted by the existing Committee including a proper application process in the best interests of the club and membership.
16. The committee have the power to make such bye laws as any, from time to time, be necessary for the proper working of the club, any such bye laws to be verified or otherwise at the next available AGM.
17. A serving officer or committee member of the club may not be an officer or committee member of another angling club or association.
18. The club trophies are competed for annually, therefore winners are to return them in good condition and cleaned, to the competition secretary or any committee member, one month prior to the AGM.
19. Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The AGM date is to be notified to members via the Club Newsletters.
20. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage by or to members or guests whilst on club or RFA waters.
21. Rules specific to individual venues are identified in the addendums following these Constitutional club rules.
22. The club shall not dissolve so long as seven members are willing to continue it.
23. Any money or property that arises for distribution following closure, dissolution or sale of the club shall be applied to approved sporting or charitable purposes, i.e. transferred to a registered charity or the sports governing body.
24. No major asset of CADAC shall be sold, without prior consultation/discussion with the membership at the AGM or an EGM.
25. All equipment purchased by the club will be defined as an asset and will be the responsibility of the committee An asset register will be maintained by the Secretary or Chairperson All freehold property (major asset) owned by the club will be under the jurisdiction of a guarantee limited company known as CADAC Burnt Wood Ltd. Directors of this company will be appointed by the committee to ensure that the interests of Cranbrook and District Angling Club, are protected. For the purposes of simplifying the administration the Directors must be current committee members and shall continue to hold office until death, resignation or removal by normal committee procedures. All Directors shall be indemnified by the club against risk or expense incurred by them. The number of Directors shall be appointed by the company in accordance with club committee's recommendations
26. Admittance to AGM by current club membership card.
27. Members are expected to see that all the aforementioned rules are thoroughly understood and adhered to; any queries should be clarified by the Secretary.
28. Members wishing to make any rule changes or alterations must notify the Chairperson at least four weeks before AGM to be added to the agenda.

## SECTION 2

### General Rules for all Club Waters

1. All members have the responsibility to maintain club waters litter free, including picking up the litter of other club members or the General public. All litter (including bait and cigarette butts) to be removed immediately from the swim and venue even if the member was not responsible. Members should pick up any litter immediately they see it and litter must not remain in the swim whilst the member is fishing. The swim must be left clear of litter upon departure. If there is no toilet provision, human waste must also be removed. Any member breaking this rule will be expelled from the club.
2. No persons, other than members, their authorised guests, water owners and their authorised guests, are permitted to fish club waters.
3. No fish to be taken away from club waters.
4. No fruit or mushrooms to be picked without owners' consent.
5. Members to approach club waters by authorised footpaths only.
6. Parking is strictly in the designated CADAC parking areas.
7. No dogs
8. No open fires or barbeques. Shielded stoves must be used with care to avoid fire risk.
9. No guns (this includes air guns) or any other means of trapping game to be in members' possession.
10. No camping allowed on club waters. Night fishing (where permitted) in proper fishing shelters, umbrellas or bivvies only.
11. All members must abide by Environment Agency regulations.
12. Fish entered for newspaper articles or competitions etc., to be stated as "caught on Cranbrook and District Angling Club water". Members are permitted to post catch reports on Social Media but by doing so they give implied consent for the club to use any reports, pictures etc. for its own publicity purposes. This includes catches by Juniors. The club will continue to seek express permission from parents/guardians at club organised events such as Junior matches, family or open days.
13. A maximum of 2 rods may be fished at one time (except at Darwell Reservoir and Windsurf Pit, where 3 rods are permitted). More rods can be set up, but must be well away from the waters edge.
14. NO live baits to be used on any waters controlled by or fished by CADAC members or guests. No dead baits to be brought to any venue, to prevent cross contamination of fish stocks and or wild life, except the commercially accepted "fast frozen" dead baits readily available from tackle shops etc
15. No baited rod to be left unattended at any time (as per EA Rules) and at Club Bailiff's discretion.
16. No organisation other than CADAC shall run competitions on club waters.
17. No angler may use boats of any description, or any inflatable device for any purpose. (Except at Darwell Reservoir – See water specific rules)
18. Junior means under the age of 16 years before June 16th.
19. Any junior upon reaching 16 years of age shall become an intermediary member, until his/her 18th Birthday (18 before June 16th). He/she will have a reduced membership subscription (cost), but the rights of an adult.
20. Whilst the tactic of fishing to the opposite bank, is permitted, any angler doing so must reel in and re-cast to not more than half way across the lake, should the opposite bank or swim become occupied, irrespective of any amount of prior baiting, position of baits, duration of the baits in place and/or fish feeding
21. There is no closed season on CADAC still-waters, however waters will be closed when larger fish are seen to be spawning by bailiffs, a notice to this effect will be posted at the entrance. Closed Season dates apply to rivers.
22. Venues may be closed for work parties and CADAC matches. You must vacate the water at least 2 hours before the match draw (3 hrs before the match start). Match dates and start times are published annually on the reverse of the membership card and also listed on the club website, as are the work party dates.
23. A £10 Work Party Levy will be credited towards membership subscription upon renewal the following year, if a Work Party is attended, or refunded, upon request, if member decides not to renew their membership. (Levy does not apply to senior citizen, disabled persons, intermediates and junior members)
24. Members must use a suitable unhooking mat on all CADAC waters. Sizes that should be used are - small 18" x 2ft for match/pleasure fishing and large 2ft x 4ft min if targeting specimen fish.
25. Any Junior member under the age of 12 years, must accompanied by a responsible person, at all times.
26. Any junior wishing to fish at night must be accompanied by a parent or a nominated guardian, over the age of 18.

## SECTION 3

### Competition Rules

1. Competitions will normally be pegged.
2. A distance of not less than 15 yards should separate each competitor.
3. Competitors must not fish from more than one yard either side of the peg drawn.
4. Competitors will start and finish on a whistle signal.
5. Latecomers must contact match steward to draw peg etc., before starting to fish, at steward discretion.
6. Pegs will be drawn 1 hour prior to the published starting time. Pegs once drawn cannot be changed except at the discretion of the match steward in exceptional circumstances.
7. No transport can be used to convey tackle of members to any swims unless sanctioned by match steward (with the exception of tackle trolleys).
8. One rod only to be used and not more than one hook (additional rods may be set up).
9. No breaking of the water before the start signal except to position a keepnet and to plumb the depth.
10. No game fish, Pike or sea fish to be included.
11. All fish to be weighed in alive.
12. Competitor's fish will be weighed at their peg.
13. With the exception of very large fish, no fish will be weighed before noon. Large fish may be weighed in during match.
14. No competitor to neither interfere in any way with any other competitors swim, nor assist any competitor to net fish, unless requested to do so.
15. No auto-strikes to be allowed.
16. Venue will be closed to non-competitors until the end of the match.
17. Any member who intends to take part in a competition shall not fish the place of competition on the previous day.
18. All swims to be left in a clean condition.
19. All competitions to count towards points in aggregate and pairs, except juniors and ladies, fur and feather.
20. The competition committee has the power to amend any of the competition rules, and is in sole charge of any competition and members compete on the understanding that the competition committee can disqualify anyone if in their opinion any of the rules have been broken.
21. All members wishing to enter the fur and feather must enter six competitions prior, to qualify, entry fee payable prior to fishing competition.
22. Any member bringing dead fish to the scales will forfeit one point per fish.
23. When fishing against other clubs, we abide by their rules on their waters.

#### **Freshwater specimen weights minimum -**

Adults: Roach 1lb, Perch 1lb, Bream 2 1/2lb, Tench 3lb, Pike 10lb, Rudd 12oz, Chub 2lb, Carp 10lb.

Juniors: Roach 12oz, Perch 12oz, Bream 2lb, Tench 2lb, Pike 6lb, Rudd 12oz, Chub 1 1/2, Carp 6lb.

Any of the above specimens caught outside of competitions qualify for other prizes listed elsewhere, provided they are caught from club or RFA waters. These must be sent to any of the competition committee members within one week, with the signature of the club member who witnessed the fish, together with details of species, weight, where caught and date.

#### **Trophies for specimens**

Best Bream

Best Carp

Best Tench

Best Specimen and Species

Best Chub

Junior best specimen

Most specimens

## SECTION 4

### Specific Rules for individual CADAC waters

#### 4.1 Darwell Reservoir

1. Access is strictly from dawn until dusk.
2. Access to the reservoir is from the car park only. A maximum of 10 cars may be parked at any one time.
3. **Strictly no access to the Southern bank of the reservoir, keep a MINIMUM of 50 meters away from South shore. Do not stray onto adjacent land.**  
**MEMBERS FOUND IGNORING THIS RULE WILL BE BANNED!**
4. Observe ALL information notices and signs.
5. Members may book the boats once they have purchased keys for the lodge. Contact **Trevor McGregor 07737320961**
6. Every person using a boat MUST sign in and out. Register is located in the lodge.
7. A maximum of 4 boats are allowed on the water at any one time. Although motors are available, it is recommended that frequent visiting members to the venue provide their own, as maintaining the motors is too demanding.
8. Members who use boats, have the responsibility to ensure that they and their guests have read, understood and strictly comply with the current risk assessment and procedure. A signature by anglers and guests is required in the CADAC Register to record this. Where members wish to take guests, they must apply for a guest permit for each individual, whether they are fishing or not.
9. Keep to the marked paths and keep access gate closed and padlocked. Code is printed on your membership card.
10. No fishing in Hog Trough Bay (see map in lodge for details).
11. **No night fishing.** Area is patrolled 24hrs by owners' security team and CADAC Bailiffs.
12. Ensure hut and equipment is left in a clean and tidy condition.
13. Day fishing shelters only. No camping or bivvies.
14. Three (3) rods are permitted at this venue.

#### 4.2 Springwood Fishery

1. Do not disturb residents when arriving or leaving.
2. Park in the designated CADAC car park ONLY. Do not park on the grass. You will have to double park if busy. Leave note of phone number on dash.
3. Access to the lakes is from the right hand side of the lodge, do not use path by owners garden.
4. No access onto the island for whatever reason, this is STRICTLY out of bounds.
5. Keep noise to absolute minimum. That includes bite alarms!
6. Keep to the marked paths and keep access gate closed and padlocked. Code is printed on your membership card.
7. Top Pool and Long Pool are strictly daylight hours fishing only.
8. **Night fishing is only permitted on the Main Lake and adjacent Beech Pool.**
9. **Maximum of 48hrs stay in any one swim.**
10. Use toilet facilities provided and ensure they are left in a clean and tidy condition.
11. Take ALL your litter home.
12. No fire or BBQs.
13. Do not fish further than the middle of the water if the opposite swim is occupied.
14. Torches to be used sensibly at dawn and dusk without nuisance to residents.
15. No baitboats (also refer to Rule 17 of the General Rules above)
16. No live baits are permitted at the request of the water owner

#### 4.3 Rosemary Lakes

1. All three pools can be night fished but **ONLY** if booked with Wayne Ellis (07951 090735) prior to your trip.
2. Entry to site is via marked access way only.
3. Park on the road if it is wet. You may park close to the lakes at the bottom of the track but only go down there in your car if it is dry, and will remain dry.

4. Park only in marked areas
5. Close all field gates behind you. Please protect livestock.
6. Keep to field edges or marked paths. Do not trespass into adjacent fields or climb fences.
7. Two rods only may be fished. Additional rods may be set up away from the water.
8. Keep swims tidy and do not obstruct paths with shelters.
9. **No litter** – you bring it, you take it home. Do not discard bait on banks.
10. Any toilet waste and **ALL LITTER** to be removed from swims and venue.
11. Absolutely no human waste! First signs of this and night fishing will cease.
12. No open fires or BBQs. Shielded stoves must be used with care to avoid fire risk.
13. The venue may be closed for a CADAC match date. Match dates and start times are published annually and also listed on the club website.
14. Report any rule breaking or poaching to a bailiff or committee member **IMMEDIATELY**.

#### **4.4 Burnt Wood**

1. Park on the road lay-by and do not obstruct farm field gates.
2. Access swims by marked paths and stiles only.
3. **Night fishing is permitted.**
4. Proper Bivvies or Fishing Umbrellas only. No tents or camper vans.
5. Do not fish further than the middle of the water if the opposite swim is occupied.

#### **4.5 Park Farm**

1. Access is strictly Summer Time 4am - 10pm / Winter 6am - 7pm changing when the clocks change.
2. Parking is in the Grandshore Lane car park only and keep to the marked paths.
3. **No night fishing.**
4. Do not pick fruit or trespass into fields or orchards.
5. No Bivvies. Day fishing shelters only.

#### **4.6 Pattenden Lane Reservoir**

1. **Night fishing is permitted**, but ONLY if booked with Tim Wood (07566228282) prior to your trip.
2. Entry to site and fishing is strictly from dawn to dusk **only**.
3. Lock access gate behind you. Please protect livestock.
4. Parking is strictly in the designated CADAC parking area against the wire chain-link fence. Overspill parking is in the field past the Air Ambulance site as marked. Do not obstruct works' accesses.
5. Keep to the marked paths. Do not trespass into farm buildings or fields or climb fences.
6. Absolutely no human waste! First signs of this and night fishing will cease.

#### **4.7 River Tiese, Marden**

1. **No night fishing.**
2. Entry to site and fishing is permitted from dawn to dusk only.
3. Parking is strictly in the designated CADAC parking area in the field past the Air Ambulance site as marked. Do not obstruct works accesses.
4. Close all field gates behind you. Please protect livestock.
5. Keep to field edges or marked paths. Do not trespass into farm buildings, fields or climb fences.
6. No Bivvies. Day fishing shelters only.

#### **4.8 New Dowells and Old Dowells**

1. Closed Season dates apply to rivers and dykes.
2. Close all field gates behind you. Take care around overgrown ditches or over old ditch footbridges. Proceed at your own risk.
3. Keep to field edges or marked paths. Do not trespass into farm fields or climb fences.
4. **Night fishing is permitted.**
5. Proper bivvies or fishing umbrellas to be used. No tents or camper vans.
6. Keep swims tidy and do not obstruct paths with shelters.

#### **4.9 Brookland**

1. Cars must be parked in the signed area only – no driving around the lake.
2. **Night fishing is permitted.**
3. Portaloo is provided April to October – Make sure you use it!
4. Take ALL your litter home
5. This is a farm property. Please close all gates. Do not touch crops.
6. No fires or BBQs.
7. No juniors allowed to fish at night unless accompanied by an adult member.
8. Members of the local community are allowed to fish provided they have a valid permit

#### **4.10 Vacant**

#### **4.11 Windsurf Lake**

1. Cars must be parked in the signed areas only – no driving around the lake.
2. **Night fishing is permitted.**
3. No litter – you bring it, you take it home. Absolutely no human waste! First signs of this and night fishing will cease.
4. Please note this is a shared site. Campers are allowed to fish one small length of bank on day ticket. Be courteous at all times. CADAC members are allowed to fish all areas.
5. Three (3) rods are permitted at this venue.

#### **4.12 Saw Lodge Farm Lakes**

1. Cars must be parked in the signed areas only – no parking next to Duck Lake.
2. **No night fishing.** Access is dawn until dusk.
3. No litter – you bring it, you take it home. Do not discard bait on banks.
4. Two rods only
5. Gates must be kept closed as there are farm animals present.
6. Drive slowly through the yards – children and animals present.
7. This is a working farm – be careful of farm vehicles and don't stray off of tracks
8. Be polite and courteous to the owner and his family.
9. Duck Lake and Stock Pond will be closed on certain dates during the shooting season – notice will be given and signs will be put up.

#### 4.13 River Medway, Wateringbury

1. The Closed Season dates apply to rivers. Fishing is only allowed from 16 June to 15 March incl.
2. Take care in overgrown bank-side areas. Proceed at your own risk.
3. Keep to field edges or marked paths. No Dogs
4. **Night fishing is permitted.**
5. Proper bivvies or fishing umbrellas to be used. No tents or camper vans.
6. Keep swims tidy and do not obstruct paths with shelters
7. Do not harass moored boats or boat owners with inconsiderate casting. Be courteous to the owner.
8. No litter – take it home.
9. Do not leave unwanted bait on the banks
10. Cars can be parked at swims. Do not obstruct other anglers' access. **Proceed with caution if wet.**
11. Cars must be parked in the signed areas only. Gates must be closed after use.

#### 4.14 Runham Lake Harrietsham

1. Park in the designated CADAC car park ONLY.
2. **Night fishing is permitted.**
3. No litter – you bring it, you take it home.
4. Absolutely no human waste! First signs of this and night fishing will cease.
5. Close all field gates behind you. Please protect livestock.
6. Do not trespass into adjacent fields or climb fences.
7. The venue may be closed for a CADAC match date. Match dates and start times are published annually and also listed on the club website.

#### All Rother Fishery Association (RFA) Waters

1. CADAC general club water rules apply to members fishing RFA waters.
2. Members must carry their club card water and environment agency licence
3. The CADAC membership card must show an RFA affiliation sticker
4. RFA general rules also apply, as published.
5. **No night fishing.** Access is dawn until dusk.
6. Closed Season dates apply to all RFA controlled Rivers and Canals
7. The Closed Season dates apply to rivers. Fishing is not permitted between 15<sup>th</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Club Waters

Darwell Reservoir	Windsurf Pit
Saw Lodge Farm	Springwood Fishery
Burnt Wood	Park Farm
Pattenden Lane Reservoir (limited period)	Rosemary Lakes
River Tiese, Marden (limited period)	Runham Lake Harrietsham
River Medway, Wateringbury	Brookland
Old & New Dowells, Appledore	
Rother Fishery Association - River Rother, Blackwall, Potmans, Bodiam, Newenden Rother Fishery Association – Royal Military Canal, Iden Lock	

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